

BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 18, 1998

7:30 P.M.

MUNICIPAL MEETING FACILITY

7:30 P.M.

Chair McCausland called the meeting to order and asked for the Pledge to the Flag.

Councilors Present: Chair McCausland, Michael Feldman, Eleanor Swanson, Timothy Dotts, Clement Wilson, Faith Moll, Ervin Snyder, and David Gleason.

Others Present: Donald Gerrish, Town Manager; Deborah Cabana, Town Clerk; Alan Houston, Natural Resource Planner; Commander Bruce Boucher; several citizens, members of the press and Casco Cable TV.

Correspondence: Manager Gerrish stated that the Town had received a letter from Genie Beaulieu requesting the community's support for her nomination to serve for the July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2000 term of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee.

Manager=s Report:

1. Harpswell 911 Assistance. The Town of Harpswell has approximately 1100 locations with telephone numbers that begin with the same three digits as Brunswick. Therefore, when someone from one of those locations calls 911, Brunswick receives their call and then Brunswick relays the information to the Sheriff=s Department. Harpswell has been advertising a special number for these residents to use in an emergency. People do not always remember this number and call the 911 emergency number. Harpswell has approached the Town asking whether Brunswick would be willing to handle **all** of the 911 calls until the Enhanced 911 goes into effect. Manager Gerrish suggested that we try this for six months and then make a decision at that time if we should continue.

Councilor Swanson questioned that if we receive the calls, would we have liability. Commander Bruce Boucher commented that the Town has the same liability as they have had since the inception of the current system which is in

use now.

2. Discussion of Budget Meeting Dates. Manager Gerrish distributed a proposed revision of the Council's budget meeting schedule. The Council was agreeable to the proposed schedule.

3. Town Auction results. Manager Gerrish reported that the Town Auction was held on May 9th. Public attendance was at an all-time high and the Town was able to collect \$1,935 from the items auctioned. Peter Bushway, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation, was the auctioneer and did a great job.

4. Public Works Director John Foster introduced Jim Higgins who is the newly hired Engineer Aide for the Public Works Department. Mr. Higgins is a professional land surveyor and holds a BS in the Math Science field.

5. Manager Gerrish reminded the Council and the citizens of Brunswick that Friday was the deadline for applying for the Homestead Exemptions. Mr. Gerrish stated that Robert Tripp, Assessor, has reported that all the applications have been processed at this time. Mr. Tripp anticipated receiving a few additional forms postmarked 5/15/98. At this time, 4040 applications have been approved, 13 are pending, and 87 have been rejected. The rejected applications include 70 from Thornton Oaks. Although the Maine Revenue Services indicate the Thornton Oaks residents are not eligible, they have filed applications to hold open their rights.

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Adjustments to the Agenda: Councilor Swanson requested that the Council consider a Resolution directing staff to intervene to attempt to preserve the Upper New Meadows Lake as a shellfish resource for the public. There was no objection in adding this item to the agenda - number 98.

89. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following request for renewal Victualer licenses for:

See attached list of victualer applications.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:52 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 7:53 p.m.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve the new and renewal Victualer=s licenses as advertised. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

90. The Town Council will hear public comments on the following request for renewal Innkeeper licenses for:

See attached list of Innkeeper applications.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:55 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 7:55 p.m.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to approve the renewal Innkeepers licenses as advertised. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

91. The Town Council will hear public comments on the proposed repeal of the Gurnet Shellfish Closure, Area VII, to be replaced with corrected boundary language as advertised.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:56 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 7:56 p.m.

This item was approved at an earlier meeting. However, the wrong map and lot number were advertised for the description for the boundaries.

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the repeal of the existing Gurnet Shellfish Closure, Area VII, and replacement with corrected boundary language. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

92. The Town Council will hear public comments on the Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the Town=s 1998 General Obligation Tax Increment Financing Bonds in an Amount Not to

Exceed \$1,125,000 for a loan to the Brunswick Development Corporation for an expansion of its manufacturing facility in the Brunswick Industrial Park.

The Public Hearing opened at 8:01 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 8:01 p.m.

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Manager Gerrish summarized that this is the continuation of a process started in 1995 to borrow up to \$1,125,000 for a loan to the Brunswick Development Corporation for an expansion of the manufacturing facility leased to Brunswick Technologies Inc.. When the Town originally built the building and leased the building to B.T.I., a 25,000 sq. ft. addition was contemplated. In the lease, B.D.C. agreed to "in good faith negotiate a commercially reasonable arrangement to accommodate the expansion." B.T.I. is asking for the 25,000 sq. ft. addition and the new addition has been negotiated with them. The extension of the lease to 15 years and the guarantee of a minimum personal property payment of \$100,000 a year are the key elements of the deal.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Snyder seconded, to approve the Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the Town's 1998 General Obligation Tax Increment Financing Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,125,000 for a loan to the Brunswick Development Corporation for an expansion of its manufacturing facility in the Brunswick Industrial Park. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

93. The Town Council will consider signing a Proclamation proclaiming May 19, 1998 as Town Commons Day in honor of the 279th anniversary of the Commons. (Manager)

Manager Gerrish read the attached Town Commons Proclamation.

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to sign the Town Commons Proclamation. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

98. (taken out of order) The Town Council will consider a Resolution directing staff to intervene to attempt to preserve the Upper New Meadows Lake as a shellfish resource for the public.

Natural Resource Planner Alan Houston explained that two individuals have applied to the Department of Marine Resources for the exclusive right to harvest two, thirty acre parcels of property located in the Upper New Meadows. Mr. Houston explained that the Town of Brunswick has been doing water quality monitoring in this area in hopes of achieving open classification status for our licensed harvesters. The Brunswick Marine Resource Committee believes that the Town of Brunswick has taken action to foster the shellfish resources over the past forty years and that this property should be available for all the harvesters in Brunswick rather than two individuals. The Marine Resource Committee will be attending a hearing on May 21st opposing these leases. He hoped for the Council's support and possible attendance at the hearings. A copy of the resolution will be attached to the official minutes.

Councilor Swanson moved, Councilor Feldman seconded, to approve the Resolution directing staff to intervene to attempt to preserve the Upper New Meadows Lake as a shellfish resource for the public. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

94. The Town Council will consider approving the list of election wardens and deputy wardens for the June election. (Town Clerk).

Councilor Feldman moved, Councilor Snyder seconded, to approve the list of election wardens and deputy wardens for the June election. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

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95. The Town Council will consider approving a request from Central Maine Power and New England Tel & Tel Co. for 3 poles to be located on Crestview Lane. (Manager)

Councilor Dotts moved, Councilor Swanson seconded, to approve the request from Central Maine Power and New England Tel. to install 3 poles on Crestview Lane. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

96. The Town Council will consider appointing Jeff Hutchinson as the Alternate Plumbing Inspector for the remainder of the calendar year. (Manager)

This item is to appoint Jeff Hutchinson as the Alternate Plumbing Inspector for the Town. This appointment will be for the remainder of this calendar year. In January, both the Primary and Alternate Plumbing Inspectors will be appointed for the calendar year.

Councilor Moll moved, Councilor Dotts seconded, to appoint Jeff Hutchinson as the Alternate Plumbing Inspector for the remainder of the calendar year. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

97. The Town Council will consider confirming the appointment of Janet Connors on the Cable TV Committee to replace Jeffrey Morse. (Manager)

Jeffrey Morse has resigned from the Cable TV Committee as the School Board representative. School Board Chair Jim Grant has appointed Janet Connors to fill this opening. The Council needs to confirm the appointment.

Councilor Wilson moved, Councilor Moll seconded, to confirm the appointment of Janet Connors to the Cable TV Committee as the School Board representative. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas.

Chair McCausland adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM. A TAPE RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

Deborah S. Cabana

Town Clerk

May 21, 1998

Date of approval

Council Chair